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## REGIA.



**A R O L U S   S E C U N D U S**  
Dei Gratia Angliæ, Scotiæ,  
Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Rex, Fi-  
dei Defensor, &c. Omnibus ad  
quos hæ Litteræ nostræ Patentes pervene-  
rint, Salutem. Diu multumque apud nos  
statuimus ut Imperii fines sic etiam Artes  
atque Scientias ipsas promovere; favemus  
itaque omnibus disciplinis, particuliari au-  
tem gratia indulgemus Philosophicis Stu-  
diis, præsertim iis quæ solidis experimentis  
conantur aut novam extundere Philoso-  
phiam, aut expolire veterem: Ut igitur  
inclarescant apud nostros hujusmodi Studia,  
quæ nusquam terrarum adhuc satis emi-  
cuerunt, utque Nos tandem universus Lit-  
terarum Orbis non solum Fidei Defenso-  
rem, sed etiam Veritatis omnimodæ &  
Cultorem ubique & Patronum semper ag-  
noscat:

**S C I A T I S** quod nos de **G R A T I A** nostra  
speciali ac ex certa **S C I E N T I A** & mero **M O T U**  
nostris ordinavimus, constituimus, &  
concessimus, ac per præsentes pro **N O B I S**,  
**H æ redibus & Successoribus nostris** ordina-  
mus, constituimus & concedimus quod de  
cætero in perpetuum erit **S o c i e t a s** de **P r æ-**  
**s i d e**, **C o n c i l i o**, & **S o d a l i b u s** consistens, qui  
vocabuntur & nuncupabuntur **P r æ s e s**, **C o n-**  
**c i l i u m**, & **S o d a l e s R e g a l i s S o c i e t a t i s L o n d i n i**,  
pro **S c i e n t i a N a t u r a l i** promovenda, (cujus  
quidem Societatis Nos ipsos Fundatorem  
& Patronum per præsentes declaramus) &  
eandem Societatem per nomen **P r æ s i d i s**,  
**C o n c i l i i & S o d a l i u m R e g a l i s S o c i e t a t i s L o n-**  
**d i n i**, pro **S c i e n t i a N a t u r a l i** promovenda, u-  
num Corpus corporatum & politicum in  
re facto & nomine realiter & ad plenum  
pro **N o b i s**, **H æ redibus & Successoribus**  
nostris, facimus, ordinamus, creamus &  
constituimus per præsentes, & quod per idem  
nomen habeant Successionem perpetuam.

Et quod ipsi & eorum Successores (quo-  
rum Studia ad rerum naturalium artium  
que utilium Scientias experimentorum fide  
ulterius promovendas, in Dei Creatoris  
**G l o r i a m & G e n e r i s H u m a n i C o m m o d u m**,  
applicanda sunt) per idem nomen **P r æ s i-**  
**d i s**, **C o n c i l i i & S o d a l i u m R e g a l i s S o c i e t a t i s L o n d i n i** pro **S c i e n t i a N a t u r a l i** promovenda,  
sint & erunt perpetuis futuris temporibus  
personæ habiles & in Lege capaces, ad ha-  
bendum,

bendum, perquirendum, percipiendum & possidendum Terras & Tenementa, Prata, Pascua, Pasturas, Libertates, Privilegia, Franchesias, Jurisdictiones & Hæreditamenta quæcunque, sibi & Successoribus suis in feodo & perpetuitate, vel pro termino vitæ, vitarum vel annorum, seu aliter quocunque modo, ac etiam bona & catalla ac omnes alias res cujuscunque fuerint generis, naturæ, speciei, sive qualitatis, (Statuto de alienatione in manum mortuam non obstante :) nec non ad dandum, concedendum, dimittendum & assignandum eadem, terras, tenementa, & hæreditamenta, bona & catalla, & omnia facta & res necessarias faciendum & exequendum de & concernentia eademi per nomen prædictum.

Et quod per nomen *Præsidis, Concilii & Sodalium, Regalis Societatis Londini, pro Scientia Naturali promovenda* prædictum placitare & implacitari, respondere & responderi, defendere & defendi de cætero in perpetuum valeant & possint in quibuscunque curiis, placeis, & locis, & coram quibuscunque Judicibus & Justiciariis, & aliis Personis & Officiariis nostris, Hæredum & Successorum nostrorum, in omnibus & singulis actionibus tum realibus tum personalibus Placitis, Sectis, Querelis, Causis, Materiis, rebus & demandis, quibuscunque cujuscunque sint aut erunt generis, naturæ, vel speciei, iisdem modo &

forma, prout aliqui Ligie nostri intra hoc Regnum nostrum Angliæ personæ habiles & in Lege capaces, aut ut aliquod corpus corporatum vel politicum intra hoc Regnum nostrum Angliæ habere, perquirere, recipere, possidere, dare & concedere, placitare & implacitari, respondere & responderi, defendere vel defendi valeant & possint, valeat & possit.

**E**t quod iidem Præses, Concilium & Sodales Regalis Societatis prædictæ, & Successores sui, habeant in perpetuum commune Sigillum, pro causis & negotiis suis & successorum suorum quibuscunque agendis deserviturum.

**E**t quod bene liceat & licebit eisdem Præsidi, Concilio & Sodalibus Regalis Societatis prædictæ, & Successoribus suis, pro tempore existentibus, Sigillum illud de tempore in tempus frangere, mutare & de novo facere, prout eis melius fore videbitur expediri.

**D**AMUS insuper & concedimus per præsentes Præsidi, Concilio & Sodalibus Regalis Societatis prædictæ, eorumque in perpetuum Successoribus in Favoris nostri Regii erga ipsos nostræque de ipsis peculiaris existimationis præsenti & futuris Æstatibus Testimonium, hæc Honoris Insignia sequentia, viz. In Parmæ Argenteæ angulo dextro tres Leones nostros Anglicos, & pro Crista Galeam corona flosculis

inter-

interstincta adornatum, cui supereminet Aquila nativi coloris altero pede Scutum Leonibus nostris insignitum tenens, Talamones Scutarios duos canes sagaces albos, colla coronis cinctos, prout in margine luctucentius videre est, à prædictis Præside, Concilio & Sodalibus ipsorumque Successoribus prout feret occasio in perpetuum gestanda, producenda, possidenda.

**E**t (quod intentio nostra Regia meliorem sortiatur effectum, ac pro bono regimine & gubernatione prædictæ Regalis Societatis de Tempore in Tempus) volumus, ac per præsentes pro Nobis, Hæreditibus & Successoribus nostris concedimus, eidem Præsidi, Concilio & Sodalibus Societatis Regalis prædictæ & Successoribus suis, quod de cetero in perpetuum Concilium prædictum erit & consistet ex viginti & una personis (quorum Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel ejus Deputatum semper unum esse volumus) & quod omnes & singulæ aliæ personæ quæ intra duos menses proxime sequentes post datum præsentium per Præsidem & Concilium vel per aliquos undecim, vel plures eorum, (quorum Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel ejus Deputatum semper unum esse volumus) vel per duas tertias partes vel plures prædictorum undecim vel plurium, & in omne tempore sequenti per Præsidem, Concilium & Sodales, sive per aliquos vi-

ginti & unum, vel plures eorum (quorum  
Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel ejus  
Deputatum semper unum esse volumus)  
sive per duas tertias partes vel plures præ-  
dictorum viginti & unius, vel plurium,  
in eandem Societatem accipientur & ad-  
mittentur, ut membra Regalis Societatis  
prædictæ, & in Registro per ipsos conser-  
vando annotatæ fuerint, erunt, vocabun-  
tur & nuncupabuntur *Sodales Regalis Soci-  
etatis* prædictæ, quam diu vixerint, nisi ob  
causam aliquam rationabilem secundum Sta-  
tuta Regalis Societatis prædictæ condenda  
quemvis eorum amoveri contigerit, quos  
quanto eminentius omnis generis Doctrinæ,  
bonarumque literarum Studio clarescant,  
quanto ardentius hujuscemodi Societatis honorem,  
Studia & Emolumentum promoveri cupi-  
ant, quanto vitæ integritate, morumque  
probitate ac pietate emineant, & fidelitate  
animique erga Nos, Coronam & Dignitatem  
nostram sincero affectu polleant, eo magis  
idoneos & dignos qui in sodalium ejusdem  
Societatis numerum adsciscantur, omnino  
censi volumus.

E t pro meliori executione Voluntatis  
& Concessionis nostræ in hac parte, assigna-  
vimus, nominavimus, constituimus & feci-  
mus, ac per præsentes pro Nobis, Hære-  
dibus & Successoribus nostris assignamus,  
nominamus, constituimus & facimus præ-  
dilectum & fidelem Nobis *Willielmum Vice-*  
*comitem*

comitem *Brouncker*, Cancellarium præcha-  
rissimæ consortis nostræ Reginæ *Catherinæ*  
esse primum & modernum Præsidem Rega-  
lis Societatis prædictæ.

VOLENTE S quod prædictus *Willielmus Vicecomes Brouncker*, in Officio Præsidis Regalis Societatis prædictæ à Datu præsentium usque ad Festum Sancti *Andreae* proximum sequentem post datum præsentium continuabit & quoisque unus aliis de Concilio Regalis Societatis prædictæ pro tempore existente ad officium illud debito modo electus præfectus & juratus fuerit, juxta ordinationem & provisionem in his præsentibus inferius expressam & declaratam (si prædictus *Willielmus Vicecomes Brouncker* tam diu vixerit) Sacra-  
mento corporali in omnibus & per omnia Officium illud tangentia bene & fideliter exequendum secundum veram intentionem harum præsentium coram prædilecto & perquam fideli Consanguineo & Conciliario nostro *Edwardo Comite Clarendon* Cancella-  
rio nostro Angliæ prius præstito ; cui qui-  
dem *Edwardo Comiti Clarendon* Cancellario nostro prædicto Sacramentum prædictum ad-  
ministrare plenam potestatem & authorita-  
tem damus & concedimus in hæc verba se-  
quentia, viz.

I Willam Viscount Brouncker do pro-  
mise to deal faithfully and honestly in all things  
belonging to the Trust committed to me as  
President

*President of the Royal Society of London, for improving Natural Knowledge during my Employment in that Capacity. So help me God.*

A S S I G N A V I M U S etiam, constituimus,  
 & fecimus, ac per præsentes pro Nobis,  
 Hæredibus & Successoribus nostris facimus  
 dilectos nobis & fideles *Robertum Moray*  
*Militem*, unum à Secretioribus nostris con-  
 ciliis in Regno nostro *Scotiæ*, *Robertum*  
*Boyle* Armigerum, *Willielmum Brereton*  
 Armigerum, filium primogenitum Baronis  
 de *Brereton*, *Kenelmum Digby* Militem, præ-  
 charissimæ matri nostræ *Mariæ Reginæ*  
*Cancellarium*, *Gilbertum Talbot* Militem, Jo-  
 calium nostrorum Thesaurarium, *Paulum*  
*Neile* Militem, unum Ostiariorum Cameræ  
 privatæ nostræ, *Henricum Slingsby* Armige-  
 rum, unum Generosorum prædictæ privatæ  
 Cameræ nostræ, *Willielmum Petty* Militem,  
*Timotheum Clarke* in Medicinis Doctorem &  
 unum Medicorum nostrorum, *Johannem*  
*Wilkins* in Theologia Doctorem, *Georgium*  
*Ent* in Medicinis Doctorem, *Willielmum*  
*Areskine* unum à poculis nostris, *Jonathan*  
*Goddard* in Medicinis Doctorem & Pro-  
 fessorem Collegii de *Gresham*, *Willielmum*  
*Balle* Armigerum, *Mattheum Wren* Armige-  
 rum, *Johannem Evelyn* Armigerum, *Tho-*  
*mam Henshaw* Armigerum, *Dudly Palmer*  
 de *Greys-Inn* in Comitatu nostro *Middlesexiæ*  
 Armigerum, *Abraham Hill* de *London* Ar-  
 migerum, & *Henricum Oldenburg* Armige-  
 rum,

rum, una cum Præside prædicto, fore &  
 esse primos & modernos viginti & unum  
 de Concilio & Sodalibus Regalis Societa-  
 tis prædictæ, continuandos in Officiis Con-  
 ciliis prædicti à datu præsentium usque ad  
 prædictum Festum Sancti Andreæ Apostoli  
 proximum sequentem, & deinde quousque  
 aliæ idoneæ personæ & habiles & sufficien-  
 tes in Officia prædicta electæ, præfectæ &  
 juratæ fuerint (si tam diu vixerint, aut  
 pro aliqua justa aut rationabili causa non  
 amotæ fuerint) Sacramentis corporalibus  
 coram Præside pro tempore existente præ-  
 dictæ Regalis Societatis, ad Officia sua  
 bene & fideliter in omnibus & per omnia  
**Officia illa tangentia exequendum prius**  
 præstandis, secundum formam & effectum  
 prædicti Sacramenti (mutatis mutandis)  
 Præsidi Regalis Societatis prædictæ per  
 Cancellarium nostrum Angliæ administran-  
 di; cui quidem Præsidi pro tempore existen-  
 ti Sacraenta prædicta administrare per-  
 sonis prædictis & aliis quibuscunque in  
 posterum de tempore in tempus in Con-  
 cilium prædictum eligendis plenam Potesta-  
 tem & Authoritatem pro Nobis, Hæredi-  
 bus & Successoribus nostris damus & con-  
 cedimus per præsentes, & quod eadem  
 Personæ sic ut præfertur ad Concilium  
 Regalis Societatis prædictæ electæ, præ-  
 fectæ & juratæ, & in posterum eligendæ,  
 præficiendæ, & jurandæ de tempore in tem-  
 pus,

pus, erint & existent auxiliantes, consu-  
lentes & assistentes in omnibus materiis,  
rebus & negotiis, meliores regulationem,  
gubernationem & directionem Regalis So-  
cietatis, & cujuslibet membra ejusdem tan-  
gentibus seu concernentibus.

**C O N C E D I M U S** etiam **P r æ s i d i**, Concilio  
& Sodalibus Societatis p r æ d i c t æ , & eorum  
in perpetuum Successoribus, quod ipsi &  
successores eorum, seu aliqui novem vel  
plures eorum (quorum P r æ s i d e m pro tem-  
pore existentem vel ejus Deputatum sem-  
per unum esse volumus) conventus seu con-  
gregationes de seipsis pro Experimentorum  
& Rerum Naturalium Cognitione & Inda-  
gine, aliisque negotiis ad Societatem p r æ-  
dictam spectantibus, quoties & quando o-  
pus fuerit, licetè facere & habere possint in  
Collegio sive Aulâ, sive alio Loco commodo  
intra Civitatem nostram *Londini*, vel in a-  
liquo alio Loco commodo intra decem Mil-  
liaria ab eadem Civitate nostrâ.

E t ulterius volumus, ac per p r æ s e n t e s  
pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus  
nostris concedimus p r æ f a t i s **P r æ s i d i**, **C o n-**  
**c i l i o** & Sodalibus Regalis Societatis p r æ-  
dictæ & Successoribus suis, quod **P r æ s e s**,  
**C o n c i l i u m**, & **S o d a l e s** Regalis Societatis  
p r æ d i c t æ pro Tempore existentes, sive ali-  
qui triginta & unus vel plures eorum (quo-  
rum P r æ s i d e m pro tempore existentem vel  
ejus Deputatum unum esse volumus) seu  
major

major pars prædictorum triginta & unius vel plurium de Tempore in Tempus perpetuis futuris temporibus Potestatem & Authoritatem habeant & habebunt, nominandi & eligendi, & quod eligere & nominare possint & valeant, quolibet anno in prædicto Festo Sancti Andreæ unum de Concilio prædictæ Regalis Societatis pro tempore existente, qui sit & erit Præses Regalis Societatis prædictæ, usque ad Festum Sancti Andreæ Apostoli exinde proximum sequentem (si tam diu vixerit, aut interim pro aliqua justa aut rationabili causa non amotus fuerit) & exinde quo usque unus alias in Officium Præsidis Regalis Societatis prædictæ electus, præfectus & nominatus fuerit.

**Q**uodque ille postquam, sic ut præfertur, electus & nominatus fuerit in Officium Præsidis Regalis Societatis prædictæ, antequam ad Officium illud admittatur, Sacramentum corporale coram Concilio ejusdem Regalis Societatis, aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, ad Officium illud recte, bene, & fideliter in omnibus Officium illud tangentibus exequendum præstabit, secundum formam & effectum prædicti Sacramenti (mutatis mutandis) cui quidem Concilio aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum sacramentum prædictum administrare pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus nostris, plenam Potestatem & Authoritatem de tempore in tempus quo-

quotiescumque Præsidem eligere opus fuerit, damus & concedimus per præsentes, & quod post hujusmodi Sacramentum, sic ut præfertur, præstitum Officium Præsidis Regalis Societatis prædictæ usque ad Festum Sancti Andreæ Apostoli exinde proxime sequentem exequi valeat & possit.

E t si contigerit Præsidem Regalis Societatis prædictæ pro Tempore existentem aliquo tempore quamdiu fuerit in Officio Præsidis ejusdem Regalis Societatis obire, descendere vel ab Officio suo amoveri, quod tunc & toties bene liceat & licebit Concilio Regalis Societatis prædictæ, eorumque in perpetuum Successoribus, sive aliquibus undecim vel pluribus eorum, convenire vel congregari ad eligendum unum de prædicto numero Concilii prædicti in Præsidem Regalis Societatis prædictæ; & quod ille qui per Concilium prædictum vel per prædictos undecim, vel plures, vel per majorem partem prædictorum undecim vel plurimum electus fuerit & juratus, ut præfertur, Officium illud habeat & exerceat durante residuo ejusdem anni, & quo usque aliis ad Officium illud debito modo electus & juratus fuerit, Sacramento corporali in forma supra specificata prius præstanto, & sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit.

E t ulterius volumus, quod quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de Concilio Regalis Societatis prædictæ pro tempore

pore existente mori, vel ab Officio illo amoveri vel deccdere, quos quidem de Concilio Regalis Societatis prædictæ & eorum quemlibet pro male se gerendis aut aliqua alia rationabili causa amobiles esse volumus ad beneplacitum Præsidis & cæterorum de Concilio prædicto (quorum Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel ejus Deputatum unum esse volumus) vel majoris partis eorundem, quod tunc & totius bene liceat & licebit præfatis Præsidi, Concilio & Sodalibus Regalis Societatis prædictæ, eorumque in perpetuum successoribus, vel aliquibus viginti uni vel pluribus eorundem (quorum Præsidem Regalis Societatis prædictæ pro tempore existentem vel ejus Deputatum unum esse volumus) vel majori parti prædictorum viginti & unius, vel plurium, unum aliud vel plures alios de Sodalibus Regalis Societatis prædictæ, loco sive locis ipsius vel ipsorum, sic mortuorum, decedentium vel amotorum, ad supplendum prædictum numerum viginti & unius personarum de Concilio Regalis Societatis prædictæ nominare, eligere, & præficere. Et quod ille, sive illi sic in Officio illo electi & præfecti, idem Officium habeat & habeant usque ad Festum Sancti Andreæ Apostoli tunc proximum sequentem, & exinde quounque unus aliud vel plures alii electus, præfectus & nominatus fuerit, electi, præfecti & nominati fuerint, Sacramento corporali ad Offi-

Officium illud in omnibus & per omnia  
 Officium illud tangentia coram Præside  
 & Concilio Regalis Societatis prædictæ, vel  
 aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum (quo-  
 rum Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel  
 ejus Deputatum semper unum esse volumus)  
 bene & fideliter exequendum secundum ve-  
 ram intentionem præsentium prius præ-  
 stando.

E t ulterius volumus, ac per præsentes  
 pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus  
 nostris concedimus præfatis Præsidi, Con-  
 cilio & Sodalibus prædictæ Regalis Societa-  
 tis, & Successoribus suis, in perpetuum,  
 quod ipsi & successores sui sive aliqui tri-  
 ginta & unus vel plures eorum (quorum  
 Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel ejus  
 Deputatum semper unum esse volumus)  
 sive major pars prædictorum triginti & u-  
 nius, vel plurium, quolibet anno in præ-  
 dicto Festo Sancti *Andreae* Apostoli, plenam  
 Potestatem & Auctoritatem habeant &  
 habebunt, eligendi, nominandi & præfici-  
 endi, & mutandi decem de Sodalibus  
 Regalis Societatis prædictæ ad supplendum  
 loca & officia decem prædicti numeri vi-  
 ginti & unius de Concilio Regalis Societa-  
 tis prædictæ: Quoniam Regiam voluntatem  
 nostram esse declaramus, & per præsentes  
 pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus  
 nostris concedimus, quod decem de Con-  
 cilio prædicto, & non amplius, per Præsi-  
 dem,

dem, Concilium & Sodales Regalis Societatis prædictæ annuatim mutati & amoti fuerint.

V O L U M U S etiam, ac pro Nobis, Hæredibus, & Successoribus nostris concedimus præfatis Præsidi, Concilio & Sodalibus prædictæ Regalis Societatis & Successoribus suis in perpetuum, quod si contigerit Præsidem ejusdem Regalis Societatis pro tempore existentem ægritudine vel infirmitate detineri, vel in servitio Nostro, Hæredum vel Successorum nostrorum versari, vel aliter esse occupatum, ita quod necessariis negotiis ejusdem Societatis Officium Præsidis tangentibus, attendere non poterit; quod tunc & toties bene liceat & licebit eidem Præsidi sic detento, versato vel occupato, unum de Concilio prædictæ Regalis Societatis pro tempore existente fore & esse Deputatum ejusdem Præsidis nominare & appunctuare: qui quidem Deputatus in Officio Deputati Præsidis prædicti sic faciendus & constituendus, sit & erit Deputatus ejusdem Præsidis, de tempore in tempus, toties quoties prædictus Præses sic abesse contigerit, durante toto tempore quo prædictus Præses in Officio Præsidis continuaverit; nisi interim prædictus Præses Regalis Societatis prædictæ pro tempore existens unum alium de prædicto Concilio ejus Deputatum fecerit & constituerit. Et quod quilibet hujusmodi Deputatus prædictus Præsidis, sic

ut præfertur, faciendus & constituendus omnia & singula quæ ad Officium Præsidis prædictæ Regalis Societatis pertinent, & pertinere debent, vel per prædictum Præsidem virtute harum Litterarum Nostrarum Patentium limitata & appunctuata fore facienda & exequenda, de tempore in tempus, toties quoties prædictus Præses sic abesse contigerit, durante tali tempore quo Deputatus prædicti Præsidis continuaverit, facere & exequi valeat & possit, vigore Litterarum Nostrarum Patentium adeo plene, libere, & integre, ac in tam amplis modo & forma prout Præses prædictus (si præsens esset) illa facere & exequi valeret & possset, Sacramento corporali supra Sancta Dei Evangelia in forma & effectu supra specificatis, per hujusmodi Deputatum, ad omnia & singula quæ Officium Præsidis pertinent bene & fideliter exequendum, coram præfato Concilio prædictæ Regalis Societatis, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum prius præstanto, & sic toties quoties Casus sic acciderit. Cui quidem Concilio, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum pro tempore existentibus, Sacramentum prædictum administrare potestatem & autoritatem quoties casus sic acciderit, damus & concedimus per præsentes, absque Brevi Commissione sive ulteriore Warranto in ea parte a Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus nostris procurando seu obtinendo.

Et ulterius volumus, ac per præsentes  
 pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus no-  
 stris concedimus præfatis Præsidi, Concilio  
 & Sodalibus Regalis Societatis prædictæ,  
 & Successoribus suis, quod ipsi & Suc-  
 cessores sui de cætero in perpetuum habeant  
 & habebunt unum Thesaurarium, duos  
 Secretarios, Curatores Experimentorum  
 duos vel plures, Clericum unum vel  
 plures, & præterea duos Servientes ad  
 Clavas, qui de tempore in tempus super  
 Præsidem attendant; quodque prædicti  
 Thesaurarius, Secretarii, Curatores, Cle-  
 ricus vel Clerici, & Servientes ad Clavas,  
 per Præsidem, Concilium & Sodales Rega-  
 lis Societatis prædictæ, sive per aliquos tri-  
 ginta & unum vel plures eorum (quorum  
 Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel ejus  
 Deputatum unum esse volumus) vel per  
 majorem partem prædictorum triginta &  
 unius, vel plurium, eligendi & nominandi,  
 antequam ad Officia sua specialia & respecti-  
 va exequendum admittantur, Sacramenta  
 sua corporalia in forma & effectu supra spe-  
 cificatis, coram Præside vel ejus Deputato  
 & Concilio ejusdem Regalis Societatis, aut  
 aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, Offi-  
 cia sua seperalia & respectiva, in omnibus  
 illa tangentibus, recte, bene & fideliter exe-  
 quendum præstabunt. Et quod post hujus-  
 modi Sacramenta, sic ut præfertur, præsti-  
 ta Officia sua respectiva exerceant & u-  
 tantur; quibus quidem Præsidi & Concilio

aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum Sacra menta prædicta de tempore in tempus administrare prædictis seperalibus & respectivis Officiariis & Successoribus suis plenam potestatem & autoritatem damus & concedimus per præsentes.

E t assignavimus, nominavimus, elegimus, creavimus, constituimus & fecimus, ac per præsentes pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus nostris assignamus, nominamus, eligimus, creamus, constituimus & facimus dilectos Subditos nostros prædictum *Willielmum Balle* Armigerum, fore & esse primum & modernum Thesaurarium, & prædictum *Johannem Wilkins & Henricum Oldenburg* fore & esse primos & modernos Secretarios prædictæ Regalis Societatis, continuandos in eisdem Officiis usque ad prædictum Festum Sancti *Andreae* Apostoli proximum sequentem post datum præsentium. Quodque de tempore in tempus & ad omnia tempora in prædicto Festo Sancti *Andreae* Apostoli, si non fuerit dies Dominicus, & si fuerit dies Dominicus, tunc die proximo sequente, Præses, Concilium & Sodales prædictæ Regalis Societatis pro tempore existentes, sive aliqui triginta & unus vel plures eorum (quorum Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel ejus Deputatum unum esse volumus) sive major pars prædictorum triginta & unius vel plurium probos & discretos viros de tempore in tempus in

in Thesaurarium & Secretarios, qui sint & erunt de numero Concilii Regalis Societatis prædictæ, eligere, nominare & præficere valeant & possint. ~~adque illi qui~~ in seperialia & respectiva ~~Officia~~ prædicta, sic ut præfertur, electi, præfecti & jurati fuerint, Officia illa respectiva exercere & gaudere possint & valeant usque ad prædictum Festum Sancti *Andreae* ex tunc proximum sequentem Sacramentis suis prædictis, sic ut præfertur, prius præstandis; & sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit.

E t si contigerit Electiones prædictas Præsidis, Concilii, Thesaurarii & Secretariorum, vel alicujus vel aliquorum eorum in Festo Sancti *Andreae* prædicto commode fieri vel perfici non possint, damus & concedimus prædictis Præsidi, Concilio & Sodalibus, & Successoribus eorum in perpetuum, quod ipsi vel aliqui triginta & unus vel plures eorum (quorum Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel ejus Deputatum unum esse volamus) vel major pars prædictorum triginta & unius, vel plurium, licite possint nominare & assignare unum alium diem, quam proxime ad Festum Sancti *Andreae* prædictum commode fieri poterit, pro Electionibus prædictis faciendis vel perficiendis, & sic de die in diem donec prædictæ Electiones perficiantur.

E t si contigerit aliquem vel aliquos Officiorum prædictorum ejusdem Regalis

lis Societatis obire, decedere, vel ab Officiis suis respectivis amoveri, quod tunc & toties bene licet & licet Præsidi, Concilio & Sodalibus prædictæ Regalis Societatis, eorumque successoribus in perpetuum, sive aliquibus viginti & unius vel pluribus eorum (quorum Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel ejus Deputatum unum esse volumus) seu majori parti prædictorum viginti & unius, vel plurium, alium vel alios in Officium sive Officia illarum personarum sic defunctorum, decedentium, sive amotarum, eligere & præficere. Et quod ille sive illi sic electus & præfectus, electi & præfecti, Officia prædicta respectiva habeant & exerceant durante residuo ejusdem anni, & quo usque alius sive alii ad officia illa respectiva debito modo electus & juratus fuerit, eleæti & jurati fuerint, & sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit.

Et insuper volumus, ac de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia & mero motu nostris concedimus præfatis Præsidi, Concilio & Sodalibus Regalis Societatis prædictæ, & Successoribus suis in perpetuum, quod Præses & Concilium prædictæ Regalis Societatis pro tempore existens (Præmissa semper in conventibus extraordinariis omnium membrorum Concilii prædicti debitâ seu legitimâ Summonitione vel Citatione) sive aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel

vel ejus Deputatum unum esse volumus) pariter congregare & assemblerare possint & valeant in Collegio sive scola, sive alio loco conveniente intra Civitatem nostram Londini, vel in aliquo alio loco conveniente intra decem miliaria ab eadem Civitate nostra. Et quod ipsi sic congregati & assemblerati, sive major pars eorum, habebunt & habeant plenam authoritatem & potestatem & facultatem de tempore in tempus concedendi, constituendi, ordinandi, faciendi & stabiliendi hujusmodi Leges, Statuta, Jura, Ordinationes & Constitutiones quæ eis aut eorum majori parti bona, salubria, utilia, honesta & necessaria, juxta eorum sanas discretiones fore videbuntur, pro meliori gubernatione, regulatione, & directione Regalis Societatis prædictæ, & cuiuslibet membra ejusdem, omniaque ad Gubernationem, Res, Bona, Facultates, Reditus, Terras, Tenementa, Hæreditamenta & Negotia Regalis Societatis prædictæ spectantia, agendi & faciendi.

Quæ omnia & singula Leges, Statuta, Jura, Ordinationes & Constitutiones, sic ut præfertur facienda, volumus, ac per præsentes pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus nostris firmiter injungendo præcipimus & mandamus, quod de tempore in tempus inviolabiter observata fuerint secundum tenorem & effectum eorundem.

**I**ta tamen quod prædictæ Leges, Statuta, Jura, Ordinationes & Constitutiones, sic ut præferti facienda, & eorum quælibet sint rationabília & non sint repugnantia nec contraria Legibus, Consuetudinibus, Juribus sive Statutis hujus Regni nostri Angliæ.

**E**t ulterius, de ampliori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia & mero motu nostris dedimus & concessimus, ac per præsentes pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus nostris, damus & concedimus, præfatis Præsidi, Concilio & Sodalibus prædictæ Regalis Societatis, & Successoribus suis in perpetuum, sive aliquibus viginti & uni vel pluribus eorum (quorum Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel ejus Deputatum semper unum esse volumus) seu majori parti prædicatorum viginti & unius, vel plurium, plenam potestatem & autoritatem de tempore in tempus eligendi, nominandi & constituendi unum vel plures Typographos sive Impressores, & Chalco-graphos seu Sculptores, & ipsi vel ipsis per Scriptum communi sigillo prædictæ Regalis Societatis sigillatum, & manu Præsidis pro tempore existentis signatum, Facultatem concedendi ut imprimant tales res, materias & negotia, prædictam Regalem Societatem tangentia vel concernentia, quales prædicto Typographo vel Impressori, Chalco-grapho seu Sculptori, vel Typographis vel

vel Impressoribus, Chalcographis vel Sculptoribus, de tempore in tempus per Præsidem & Concilium prædictæ Regalis Societatis vel aliquos septem plures eorum (quorum Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel ejus Deputatum unum esse volumus) vel per majorem partem prædictorum septem vel plurium commissæ fuerint, sacramentis suis corporalibus, antequam ad Officia sua exercenda admittantur, coram Præside & Concilio pro tempore existente, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum in forma & effectu ultimis specificatis prius præstandis ; quibus quidem Præsidi & Concilio vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum Sacraenta prædicta administrare plenam potestatem & autoritatem damus & concedimus per præfentes.

E t ulterius, quod prædictus Præses, Concilium & Sodales prædictæ Regalis Societatis in Philosophicis suis Studiis meliorem fortiantur effectum, de ampliori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia & mero motu nostris dedimus & concessimus, ao per præfentes pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus nostris damus & concedimus prædictis Præsidi, Concilio & Sodalibus prædictæ Regalis Societatis & Successoribus suis in perpetuum, quod ipsi & Successores sui, sivi aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Præsidem pro tempore existen-

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 rectionem per assignatum vel assignatos  
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 ra talium personarum quæ mortem manu  
 Carnificis passæ fuerunt, & ea anatomizare  
 in tam amplis modo & forma, & ad omnes  
 intentiones & proposita, prout Præsidens  
 Collegii Medicorum & Societas Chirurgo-  
 rum Civitatis nostræ *London'* (quibuscunque  
 nominibus duæ prædictæ Corporationes in-  
 signitæ fuerint) eisdem Cadaveribus usi  
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habeant & habebunt plenam potestatem & autoritatem per Literas vel Epistolas sub manu prædicti Præsidis, vel ejus Deputati, in præsentia Concilii, vel aliquorum septem vel plurium eorum, & in nomine Regalis Societatis mutuis intelligentiis fruantur, & negotiis cum omnibus & omnimodis Peregrinis & Alienis, utrum Privatis vel Collegiatis, Corporatis vel Politicis, absque aliqua molestatione, interruptione vel inquietate quacunque.

PROVISI o tamen, quod hæc Indulgentia nostra, sic ut præfertur concessa, ad ulteriorem non extendatur usum, quam particulare beneficium & interesse prædictæ Regalis Societatis, in materiis seu rebus Philosophicis, Mathematicis aut Mechanicis.

ET ulterius dedimus & concessimus, ac per præsentes pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus nostris damus & concedimus præfatis Præsidi, Concilio & Sodalibus Regalis Societatis prædictæ & Successoribus suis in perpetuum, sive Præsidi & Concilio Regalis Societatis prædictæ, vel majori parti eorum, plenam potestatem & autoritatem erigendi, edificandi & extruendi, aut erigi, edificari & extrui faciendo vel causandi, intra Civitatem *Londini*, vel decem milliaria ab eadem, unum vel plura Collegium vel Collegia cujuscunque modi

modi & qualitatis, pro habitatione, assemblatione & congregatione prædictorum Præsidis, Concilij & Sodalium prædictæ Regalis Societatis & Successorum suorum, ad negotia sua & alias res eandem Regalem Societatem concernentes ordinandum & disponendum.

Et ulterius volumus, ac per præsentes pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus nostris ordinamus, constituimus & appunctuamus, quod si aliqui abusus vel discrepantiae in posterum orientur & accident de gubernatione, aut aliis rebus vel negotiis prædictæ Regalis Societatis, unde ejusdem constitutioni, stabilitimi, studiorum progressui, vel rebus & negotiis aliqua inferatur injuria vel impedimentum; quod tunc & toties per præsentes pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus nostris authorizamus, nominamus, assignamus & constituimus præfatum prædilectum & per quam fidelem Confanguineum & Conciliarium nostrum Edwardum Comitem de Clarendon, Cancellarium nostrum Regni nostri *Angliae*, per seipsum durante vita sua, & post ejus mortem tunc Archiepiscopum *Cantuariensem*, Cancellarium vel Custodem Magni Sigilli *Angliae*, Custodem privati Sigilli, Episcopum *Londinensem*, & duos principales Secretarios pro tempore existentes, aut aliquos quatuor, vel plures eorum, easdem

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Et ulterius volumus, ac per præsentes pro Nobis, Hæredibus, & Successoribus nostris firmiter injungendo præcipimus & mandamus, omnibus & singulis Justiciariis, Majoribus, Aldermannis, Vicecomitibus, Balivis, Constabulariis & aliis Officiariis, Ministris & Subditis nostris, Hæredum & Successorum nostrorum quibuscumque, quod de tempore in tempus sint auxiliantes & assistentes prædictis Præfidi, Concilio & Sodalibus Regalis Societatis prædictæ, eorumque in perpetuum Successoribus, in omnibus ac per omnia, secundum veram intentionem harum Literarum nostrarum Patentium.

Eo quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo, vel de certitudine præmissorum, sive eorum alicujus aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus per Nos, seu per aliquem Progenitorum sive Prædecessorum nostrorum præfatis Præfidi, Concilio & Sodalibus Regalis Societatis prædictæ ante hæc tempora factis in præsentibus minime facta existit, aut aliquo Statuto, Actu, Ordinatione, Provisione, Proclamatione, sive Restrictione in contrarium inde antehac habitis, factis, editis, ordinatis sive provisis, aut aliqua alia re, causa vel materia quacunque in aliquo non obstante. In cujus rei testimonium,

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*Per Breve de Privato Sigillo*

H O W A R D.

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**C**AROLUS SECUNDUS Dei Gratia  
*Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae, & Hiberniae Rex,*  
 Fidei Defensor, &c. Omnibus ad quos hæ  
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 ciali ac ex certa scientia & mero motu  
 nostri dedimus & concessimus, ac per præ-  
 fentes damus & concedimus dilectis & fide-  
 libus nostris Præfidi Concilio & Sodalibus  
 Regalis Societatis *Londini*, pro Scientia Na-  
 turali promovenda, & Successoribus suis in  
 perpetuum, totam istam peciam terræ, &c.\*\*

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 perpetuum, quod si contigerit. Præsidem  
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 esse occupatum, ita quod necessariis ne-  
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 licebit eidem Præfidi sic detento, versato  
 vel occupato, unum de Concilio prædictæ  
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gēlia in forma & effectu in iisdem Literis Nostris Patentibus specificato, per hujusmodi Deputatum ad omnia & singula quæ ad Officium Præsidis pertinent bene & fideliter exequendum, coram præfato Concilio prædictæ Regalis Societatis vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum prius præstanto, & sic toties quoties casus acciderit. Cui quidem Contilio, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum pro tempore existente, Sacramentum prædictum administrare potestatem & autoritatem, quoties casus sic acciderit, dedimus & concessimus per easdem Literas Nostras Patentes, absque brevi commissione sive ulteriori warranto in ea parte à Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus nostris procurando seu obtinendo. Ac quod ipsi & successores eorum, seu aliqui novem vel plures eorum, (quorum Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel ejus Deputatum semper unum esse volumus) Conventus seu Congregationes de seipsis pro Experimentorum & Rerum Naturalium cognitione & indagine, aliisque negotiis ad Societatem prædictam spectantibus, quoties & quando opus fuerit, licere facere & habere possint in Collegio sive Aula, sive alio loco commodo intra Civitatem Nostram *Londini*, vel in aliquo alio loco commodo intra decem millaria ab eadem Civitate Nostra. Et cum diversas & varias res, potestates, libertates, privile-

gia in iisdem Literis nostris Patentibus præfato Præsidi Conilio & Sodalibus Regalis Societatis prædictæ concessimus, virtute istarum Literarum Nostrarum Patentium quæ non sunt exercenda, facienda, performanda seu exequenda nisi per prædictum Præsidem & Concilium vel aliquos septem vel plures eorum.

E t cum ulterius per prædictas Literas Nostras Patentes pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus nostris dedimus & concessimus præfatis Præsidi, Conilio & Sodalibus Regalis Societatis prædictæ, & Successoribus suis in perpetuum, sive aliquibus viginti & uni vel pluribus eorum (quorum Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel ejus Deputatum semper unum esse volumus) seu majori parti prædictorum viginti & unius, vel plurium, plenam potestatem & autoritatem de tempore in tempus eligendi, nominandi, constituendi unum vel plures Typographos seu Impressores, Chalcographos seu Sculptores, & ipsi vel ipsis per scriptum communi Sigillo prædictæ Regalis Societatis sigillatum, & manu Præsidis pro tempore existente signatum, facultatem concedendi ut impriment talia res, materias & negotia, prædictam Regalem Societatem tangentia vel concernentia, qualia prædicto Typographo vel Impressori, Chalcographo vel Sculptori, vel Typographis vel Impressoribus, Chalcographis vel Sculptoribus,

toribus, de tempore in tempus per Præsidem & Concilium prædictæ Societatis vel aliquos septem vel plures eorum (quorum Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel ejus Deputatum unum esse volumus) vel per majorem partem prædictorum septem vel plurium commissa fuerint, sacramentis suis corporalibus antequam ad Officia sua exercenda admittantur, coram Præside & Concilio pro tempore existente, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum prius præstandis. Cui quidem Præsidi & Concilio, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum (quorum Præsidem pro tempore existentem vel ejus Deputatum unum esse volumus) Sacra-menta prædicta administrare plenam potesta-tatem & authoritatem dedimus & concessimus per prædictas Literas nostras Patentes, prout in eisdem Literis nostris Patentibus relati-one inde habita plenius liquet & appetat.

N o s ex abundantia Gratia nostri spe-ciali & ex certa Scientia & mero motu nostris dedimus & concessimus, ac per præsentes pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Suc-cessoribus nostris damus & concedimus præfatis Præsidi, Concilio & Sodalibus prædictæ Regalis Societatis & Successoribus suis in perpetuum, quod de cætero in per-petuum, si contigerit Præsidi ejusdem Re-galis Societatis pro tempore existenti ægri-tudine vel infirmitate detineri, vel in Ser-vitio nostro, Hæredum vel Successorum

Nostrorum versari, vel aliter esse occupatum, ita quod necessariis negotiis ejusdem Regalis Societatis Officium Præsidis tangentibus attendere non poterit; quod tunc & toties bene liceat & licebit eidem Præsidi sic detento, versato vel occupato, unum de Concilio prædictæ Regalis Societatis pro tempore existente fore & esse Deputatum ejusdem Præsidis nominare & appunctare; qui quidem Deputatus in Officio Deputati Præsidis prædicti sic faciendus & constituerendus sit & erit Deputatus ejusdem Præsidis de tempore in tempus, toties quoties prædictus Præses sic abesse contigerit, durante toto tempore quo prædictus Præses in Officio Præsidis continuaverit, etiamsi iterum Præses Regalis Societatis prædictæ pro tempore existente unum alium vel plures alios de prædicto Concilio, ejus Deputatum & Deputatos fecerit & constituerit, cui quidem Præsidi pro tempore existente duos vel plures de prædicto Concilio ejus Deputatos, ipso & eodem tempore facere & constituere, Potestatem & Authoritatem quoties ei placuerit, damus & concedimus per præsentes pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus nostris, & quod quilibet ejusmodi Deputatus & Deputati prædicti Præsidis, sic ut præfertur, faciendi & constituendi, omnia & singula quæ ad Officium Præsidis prædictæ Regalis Societatis pertinent, seu pertinere debent, vel per prædictum Præsidem

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 pluribus eorum pro tempore existenti Sa-  
 cramentum prædictum administrare po-  
 testatem & auctoritatem, quoties casus sic  
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non sunt exercenda, facienda, performanda  
seu exequenda, nisi per prædictum Præsi-  
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cilium, aut aliquos quinque, vel plures eo-  
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pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus no-  
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Concilio & Sodalibus prædictæ Regalis So-  
cietatis, & Successoribus suis in perpetuum,  
quod de cætero in perpetuum bene liceat &  
licebit Præsidi Regalis Societatis prædictæ,  
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pro tempore existenti de tempore in tempus eligere, nominare & constituere aliquem vel aliquos Typographum sive Impressorem, Typographos sive Impressores, & Chalcographum sive Sculptorem, Chalcographos seu Sculptores, & ipsi vel ipsis facultatem concedere, ut impriment talia res, materias & negotia, praedictam Regalem Societatem tangentia vel concernentia, qualia praedicto Typographo vel Impressori, Chalcographo seu Sculptori, vel Typographis vel Impressoribus, Chalcographis vel Sculptoribus, de tempore in tempus, per Praesidem & Concilium praedictarum Regalis Societatis, vel aliquos quinque vel plures eorum, (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem vel ejus Deputatum unum esse volumus) vel per majorem partem praedictorum quinque vel plurimum commissa fuerint, Sacramentis suis Corporalibus antequam ad Officia sua exercenda admittantur, coram Praeside & Concilio pro tempore existente, vel aliquibus quinque vel pluribus eorum prius praestandis, & sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit. Cui quidem Praesidi & Concilio pro tempore existenti, vel aliquibus quinque vel pluribus eorum Sacra menta praedicta administrare, plenam potestatem & autoritatem damus & concedimus. \* \* \*

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nostris ordinamus, & firmiter injungendo præcipimus, quod Præses Societatis prædictæ pro tempore existente & Deputatus ejus, antequam ipsi aut eorum aliquis ad executionem Officii illius admittantur, tam Sacramentum corporale communiter vocatum, *The Oath of Obedience*, quam Sacramentum corporale communiter vocatum, *The Oath of Supremacy*, super sacro-sanctis Dei Evangelii præstabunt, & eorum quilibet præstabit, coram Concilio ejusdem Societatis, aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum. Cui quidem Concilio, aut aliquibus septem, vel pluribus eorum Sacramenta prædicta pro Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus nostris plenam potestatem & autoritatem de tempore in tempus, quotiescunque opus fuerit, damus & concedimus per præsentes. \* \* \*

I N cujus rei Testimonium, has Literas nostras fieri fecimus Patentes ; *Teste Meipso apud Westmonasterium Octavo Die Aprilis,* Anno Regni nostri vicesimo primo.

N.B. *The Articles \*\*\* of this Charter, only concerning the Estates granted to the Royal Society, are omitted.*

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THE  
STATUTES  
OF THE  
*ROYAL SOCIETY*  
OF  
LONDON,

For improving NATURAL KNOWLEDGE.

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C H A P. I.

*Of the making and repealing of Laws.*

I.  OR the making of any Law or Statute of the Royal Society, the Draught thereof shall be read in Council, and put to the Vote, on two several Days of their meeting. The first Day the Question to be

be resolved by Vote shall be to this Effect. *viz.* 'Whether the said Draught then agreed upon, shall be read at another Meeting? The second Day the Question shall be to this Effect; *viz.* 'Whether the Draught of the said Statute then agreed upon shall pass for a Law or not?'

II. For the repealing of any Law or Statute, or any Part thereof, the Repeal shall be propounded and voted in Council on two several Days of their meeting: the first Day the Question to be resolved by Vote shall be to this Effect; *viz.* 'Whether the Repeal of such Statute, or such Part thereof, shall be propounded at another Meeting?' The second Day the Question shall be to this Effect; *viz.* 'Whether such a Statute, or such Part thereof, shall be repealed or not?' And in case the said Repeal be agreed unto, the same shall be recorded in the Journal-Book of the Council; and the Statute, or Part of the Statute repealed, shall be cancell'd in the Statute-Books.

## C H A P. II.

### *Of the Obligation to be subscribed.*

Every Fellow of the Society, and every Person elected a Fellow thereof, shall subscribe the Obligation in these Words following.

*We*

*We who have hereunto subscribed, do hereby promise each for himself, that we will endeavour to promote the Good of the Royal Society of London, for improving Natural Knowledge, and to pursue the Ends for which the same was founded. That we will be present at the Meetings of the said Society, as often as conveniently we can, especially at the Anniversary Elections, and upon extraordinary Occasions; and that we will observe the Statutes and Orders of the said Society. Provided that whosoever any of us shall signify to the President, under his Hand, that he desireth to withdraw from the Society, he shall be free from this Obligation for the future.*

And if any Fellow shall refuse to subscribe the said Obligation, he shall be ejected out of the Society: And if any Person elected shall refuse to subscribe the same, the Election of the said Person shall be void; neither shall any Person refusing to subscribe, be admitted or register'd among the Fellows of the Society.

### C H A P. III.

#### *Of the Payments by the Fellows to the Society.*

I **E**VERY Person admitted a Fellow of the Society shall (on the Day of his

his Admission) pay to the Use of the Society, the Sum of Forty Shillings for Admission Money. And if any such Person shall refuse, or fail to pay the said Sum, his Election and Admission shall be void; except the said Sum be remitted in Whole or in Part, by special Order of the Council.

II. Every Fellow of the Society shall pay one Shilling by the Week, towards the Charges of Experiments, and other Expences of the Society, so long as he shall continue a Fellow thereof: which Continuance shall be accounted from the Time of his Admission, until such Time as he shall signify to the President, under his Hand, that he desireth to withdraw from the Society; or until, upon any other Account, he shall cease to be a Fellow thereof. And if any Fellow shall refuse to pay according to the Rate aforesaid, he shall be ejected out of the Society, except the said Payment be remitted in Whole, or in Part, by special Order of the Council.

III. For the more convenient receiving and collecting the Contribution of one Shilling by the Week, to be paid by every Fellow, towards the Charges of Experiments, and other Expences of the Society, the same amounting to fifty two Shillings by the Year, shall be paid Quaterly by equal Portions; viz. By thirteen Shillings at

a time for one whole Quarter, and proportionably for any part of a Quarter, by any Person admitted after the Beginning, or withdrawing from the Society before the End of any Quarter of the Year.

IV. The Days upon which the quarterly Payments of the Contributions, of one Shilling by the Week to the Society, shall become due, shall be the twenty third Day of *September*, the twenty third Day of *December*; the twenty fifth Day of *March*, and the twenty fourth Day of *June*.

V. Every Fellow of the Society, shall upon each of the weekly Meetings, that shall fall upon the Days for the quarterly Payments, or upon the first, second, or third *Wednesdays* next after each of the said Days, bring or send in, to the Treasurer, or his Deputy, his quarterly Contribution of thirteen Shillings, or such Proportion of it as shall be due. And if any Fellow shall fail to bring or send in as aforesaid (being not dispensed withal as to the said Payment by the special Order of the Council) he shall be liable to Ejection out of the Society: Upon which the Council shall proceed as they shall see cause.

## C H A P. IV.

*Of the ordinary Meetings of the Society.*

I. THE ordinary Meetings of the Society shall be Weekly, upon *Wednesday*, beginning about three of the Clock in the Afternoon, and continuing until six, unless the major Part of the Fellows present, shall for that Time resolve to rise sooner, or sit later. And no Fellow shall depart, without giving notice to the President.

II. When the President taketh the Chair, the rest of the Fellows shall place themselves orderly and conveniently for the Business of the Meeting, and those Persons that are not of the Society shall withdraw; excepting that it shall be free for any of his Majesty's Subjects of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, having the Title and Place of a *Baron*, or having any higher Title and Place, or any of his Majesty's Privy-Council of any of his three Kingdoms; and for any Foreigner of eminent Repute with the Allowance of the President to stay for that time; and that it shall be free for any other Person upon leave obtained of the President and Fellows present, or the major Part of them, to stay for that time. And the Name of every

every Person permitted to stay, of any Person that moved for him, and the Allowance, shall be enter'd in the Journal-Books.

III. When any Fellow speaketh, he shall address his Speech to the President, and be uncovered, and the rest shall be silent.

IV. When two or more offer to speak together, the President shall determine which of them shall speak first.

V. The Business of the Society in their ordinary Meetings, shall be to order, take account, and discourse of Philosophical Experiments and Observations; to read, hear, and discourse upon Letters, Reports, and other Papers, containing Philosophical Matters; as also to view and discourse upon Rarities of Nature and Art: and hereupon to consider what may be deduced from them, or any of them, and how far they or any of them may be improved for Use or Discovery.

### C H A P. V.

#### *Of Experiments, and the Reports thereof.*

I. **N**O Experiment shall be made at the Charge of the Society, but by Order of the Society or Council.

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**II.** In order to the propounding and making Experiments for the Society, consideration shall be had of the Importance of any Experiment to the Discovery of any Truth or Axiom in Nature, or to the Use and Benefit of Mankind.

**III.** Two or more Curators shall be appointed (if it may consist with Convenience) of every Experiment, or natural Observation, that cannot conveniently be made in the presence of the Society; which Curators, or any two or more of them, shall (as soon as conveniently may be) meet together at the Time and Place by them agreed on, to make the said Experiment or Observation; and also shall jointly draw up the Report of the Matter of Fact in every such Experiment or Observation: or if any Difference shall happen between them in their Apprehensions thereabout, the same shall be related in the Report.

**IV.** In all Reports of Experiments, to be brought into the Society, the Matter of Fact shall be barely stated, without any Prefaces, Apologies, or Rhetorical Flourishes; and enter'd so into the Register-Book, by order of the Society; and if any Fellow shall think fit to suggest any Conjecture concerning the Causes, of the Phænomena in such Experiments, the same shall be done a-part, and so enter'd into the Register-Book, if the Society shall order the Entry thereof.

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## C H A P. VI.

*Of the Election and Admission of  
Fellows.*

I. **E**VERY Person to be elected Fellow of the Society, shall first at one Meeting be propounded as a Candidate in order to Election, and after, at some other Meeting (whereat there shall be present a competent Number for making Elections) shall be propounded and put to the Vote for Election. Excepting that it shall be free for every one of his Majesty's Subjects of *England, Scotland, or Ireland*, having the Title and Place of a *Baron*, or having any higher Title or Place, and every one of his Majesty's Privy-Council of any of the the said Kingdoms, to be propounded and put to the Vote for Election on the same Day; there being present a competent Number for making Elections.

II. Every Fellow that is to propound any Person as a Candidate, in order to Election, shall before the said Person be propounded, make known unto him, the Effect of the Obligation to be subscribed; and the Sum that is to be paid for Admision-Money, and the Rate of the constant Payment for the Occasions of the Society;

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and also at the propounding of the said Person, shall satisfy the Company that he hath informed him accordingly ; and that thereupon, it is the Desire of the said Person to be of the Society.

III. The Name of every Person propounded as a Candidate in order to Election for a Fellow of the Society, together with the Name of the Fellow proposing, shall be enter'd in the Journal-Book.

IV. In the Election of any Person for a Fellow of the Society, the Votes shall be taken by way of Ballot.

V. Every Person elected a Fellow shall appear for his Admission, at some ordinary Meeting of the Society, which shall be within four Wecks after his Election, or within such further Time as shall be granted by the Society, or Council, upon Cause shew'd to either of them. Otherwise his Election shall be void.

VI. The Admission of any Fellow of the Society, shall be at some Meeting thereof, in Manner and Form following : the President taking him by the Hand, shall say these Words,

*I do by the Authority, and in the Name of the ROYAL SOCIETY of London, for improving Natural Knowledge, admit You a Fellow thereof.*

VII. The Admission of every Person into the Society, with the Time thereof, shall be recorded in the Journal-Book.

## C H A P. VII.

*Of the Election of the Council and Officers.*

I. **A**T the two ordinary Meetings of the Society, which shall be within the fifteen Days next preceding, the Day of the Anniversary Elections, the President shall give notice of the said Elections, and declare how much it importeth the Good of the Society, that such Persons may be chosen into the Council, out of whom there may be made the best choice of the President, and other Officers.

II. Every Fellow of the Society, in or near London, shall be called to the Anniversary Meetings, for electing the Council and Officers for the Year ensuing, by particular Summons signed by the President; which Summons shall be deliver'd to every such Person, or left at his House or Lodging, a Week at the least before the said Day, together with printed Lists of the Names of all the Fellows of the Society. And the said Summons shall be to this Effect.

*These are to give Notice, that on the ——  
Day of —— being —— The Council and  
Officers of the ROYAL SOCIETY are to be e-  
lected for the Year ensuing; at which Election  
your Presence is expected at —— of the Clock,  
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**III.** For the Anniversary Election of the Council (which is to consist of Eleven Members of the present Council, to be continued for the Year next ensuing, and ten of the Fellows, being no Members of the Council, to be added to them) there shall be a competent Number of Lists printed, of all the Fellows of the Society (excepting all the Members of the present Council) in an Alphabetical Order ; and a competent Number of the like Lists of all the Members of the present Council ; both which Lists shall be distributed, to all the Fellows of the Society, summon'd to the anniversary Election.

**IV.** For the Election of the eleven Members of the present Council to be continued for the Year next ensuing, every Fellow shall, on the printed List of the present Council, by a Line drawn under each Name, to the Number of Eleven, and no more, signify the Persons to whom he gives his Suffrage for their Continuance as aforesaid : and closing up the said List, shall deliver it in to some Person appointed to collect and receive the same.

**V.** All the Lists being thus collected, one of the Secretaries shall open them one by one, and in the first place, shall take notice of the Number of the Names distinguisht'd, as is before prescrib'd, in each List (which if it be above Eleven in any,

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the same List shall be laid aside, and not notice taken of the Suffrages therein) and shall recite every Name so distinguish'd; and the other Secretary shall, in a List for that Purpose, note how often every several Name is recited; and each of the Secretaries shall be assisted by a Scrutator to be drawn by Lot by the President. This done, the Secretaries and Scrutators shall sum up the Suffrages according to the Notes affixed to every Name; or in case of the Absence of one or both the Secretaries, one or two Scrutators more (to be in like manner drawn by Lot) shall supply their Places; whereof two shall be employed in the Perusal of the Lists, and Recitation of the Names, and the other two in the noting of the Names recited, as is before prescribed.

VI. After the noting and summing up of the Votes, the Secretaries, or Scrutators, shall recite all the Names of the present Council having any Votes upon the present Scrutiny; with the Number of the Votes to every Name: to the end, that all the Persons, carrying the major Part of the Votes, may be known to be elected if they be not more in Number than Eleven. But if the Persons having the Majority of Votes, be more than Eleven, he or they that have fewest Suffrages, are to be secluded until the Number be reduced to

Eleven, or to a lesser Number, if Equality between Persons having the fewest Suffrages do so require. And if the Persons having the Majority of Votes, or the Persons remaining upon the aforesaid Reduction, do not amount to the Number of Eleven, then all the rest upon that List shall be put to the Scrutiny again, and every Fellow shall mark as before, so many, and no more, as are wanting; and the Method thereupon, in all Things, shall be the same as before, until the Number be compleat. And in case of equal Distribution of Votes, the Number being greater than the Number wanting, the Proceeding shall be repeated upon the said Persons; and if then they still have equal Votes, the President shall seclude one by Lot, and the rest shall be put to the Scrutiny again.

VII. For the Election of the ten Fellows not of the present Council, to be added to the former Eleven, to constitute the Council for the Year next ensuing, the Proceedings upon the printed Lists of the Fellows of the Society shall be in all Particulars observed, as upon the former Lists, according as the Cases shall require.

VIII. In case of Seclusion of any Number of the present Council, or of any other Fellow by Lot, the same Person shall be brought in again to pass the Scrutiny, by putting him in Competition with one that hath

hath the least, or with more of those that have the least equal Number of Votes.

**IX.** For as much as the possible Varieties, in the Equalities and Proportions of Suffrages distributed amongst several Persons, upon which Non-Elections may happen, are so great and manifold, that it would be tedious to obviate them all in particular by Statutes: If therefore any Case shall happen not provided for, whereupon the Election cannot be made or perfected, the same shall be adjourned to the next convenient time, and the Council in the interim shall make Provision, and offer some Expedient to the Society, for the effecting thereof.

**X.** Forelecting the President, Treasurer and Secretaries, every Fellow present at the Anniversary Election of the Council, shall after the Election made for the Members of the new Council, put upon a distinct List, several Marks, first for the President, next for the Treasurer, and then for the Secretaries, to be chosen severally out of the said new Council, for the Year following; and the Proceedings therein shall be after the same manner as is directed for the Anniversary Election of the Council.

**XI.** For electing any Member of the Council, or any Officer to be elected by the Society, upon such Vacancies as shall happen in the Intervals of the Anniversary

Elections, the Summons for such Election, and the Proceedings in it shall be after the same manner as is directed for the Anniversary Elections.

XII. Upon the Vacancy of the President's Place, which shall happen in the Intervals of the Anniversary Elections, one of the Secretaries shall cause the Council to be summon'd for the Election of a new President ; and the Council meeting thereupon, in the usual Place, or any Eleven or more of them, shall proceed to the said Election, and not separate 'till the major Part of the Number aforesaid shall have agreed upon a new President.

*(For additions see page 79.)*

## C H A P. VIII.

### *Of the President.*

I. **T**H E Business of the President shall be to preside in all the Meetings, and regulate all the Debates of the Society and Council; to state and put Questions both in the Affirmative and Negative, according to the Sense and Intention of the Meetings; to call for Reports and Accounts from Committees, Curators and others, to check Irregularities, and to keep all Persons to Order; to summon all extraordinary Meetings of the Society and Council, upon any

any urgent Occasions; and to execute or see to the Execution of the Statutes of the Society.

II. Whensoever any Question shall be desired to be put by any Fellow at any Meeting of the Society or Council, and seconded by another; the President shall put the same, unless upon Debate the Sense of the Meeting appear to be otherwise.

III. The President shall take place of every Fellow of the Society, within their College, or ordinary Place of Meeting; as also in all other Places where any Number of the Fellows meet as a Society or Council, or Committee; and being in the Chair, is to be covered, while speaking unto, or hearing particular Fellows, notwithstanding their being uncover'd.

IV. The President shall not preside, at any Meeting of any Fellows of the Society, except the ordinary Meetings of the Society or Council, at known Time and Place, or such extraordinary Meetings of either, as shall be called by a general Summons of each respectively; or the Meetings of Committees appointed by the Society or Council; and except Meetings for Solemnities only.

## C H A P. IX.

*Of the Treasurer and his Accompts.*

I. **T**H E Treasurer, or his Deputy, shall receive to the Use of the Society, all Moneys, or Sums of Money, due or payable to the Society ; and out of such Moneys shall pay or disburse all Moneys, or Sums of Money, due from, or payable by the Society, upon all Occasions ; and shall keep particular Accompts of all such Receipts and Payments.

II. Every Sum of Money payable to the Use of the Society, of five Pounds or under, shall be paid by order of the President under his Hand ; and every Sum exceeding five Pounds shall be paid by order of Council, sign'd by the President, and register'd by the Secretary , and all Bills of Charges for Experiments shall be sign'd by the Curators thereof, before they be presented to the President.

III. All Moneys or Sums of Money, whereof there shall not be present occasion for expending or disposing to the Use of the Society, shall be laid up in an Iron Chest, having three different Locks and Keys, whereof one shall be in the Custody of the President, another of the Treasurer, and

and a third of one of the Secretaries, and the Treasurer shall not have in his custody above Twenty Pounds at once for defraying the occasional Expences of the Society; and accordingly he shall pay in Money into the Chest aforesaid, and take out of the same, by order of the Council, as they shall judge expedient.

IV. The Treasurer shall have and keep a Roll or List in Parchment of all the Fellows of the Society, with a Margin before and after the Names; in the former whereof shall be noted the Arrears due from every Fellow, in the latter the Receipts and Payments of the Fellows, according to the weekly or quarterly Contribution to the Society; and the said Roll shall be signed by him, for attesting the Truth thereof.

V. Upon the third Wednesday, which shall be next after each of the Quarter-days, the Treasurer shall demand the quarterly Payments or Arrears of every Fellow, from whom the same shall be due, and forthwith after the said Wednesday, shall send a Collector appointed under his Hand and Seal, with the Roll or List of the Fellows of the Society signed by him, wherein the Arrears due from every Fellow are noted in the Margin before the Names, for collecting of the said Arrears.

VI. The Accompts of the Treasurer shall be audited and examin'd four times

a Year, within six Weeks after each Quarter-day, by a Committee of five of the Council, or any three or more of them, of which the President, and one of the Secretaries shall be two; and the same shall be done once a Year, before the Anniversary Elections, by a Committee to be nominated by the President, with the Consent of the major part of the Fellows present, given by Ballot at one of the three next preceding weekly Meetings of the Society, which shall consist of Fellows that are not Members of the Council, to the Number of five, whereof any three or more shall be a Quorum, who shall make their Report to the Society, upon the Meeting next before the Anniversary Election, or upon the Day of the said Election.

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## C H A P. X. *Of the Secretaries.*

I. **T**H E Secretaries, or either of them, shall have the Charge and Custody of the Charter-Book, Statute-Book, Journal-Books of the Society and Council, Register-Books, and Letter-Books of the Society; as also of all Papers and Writings belonging to the Society; any of which they shall cause to be produced at any Meet-

Meeting of the Society or Council, as the Case shall require, or as they shall be order'd so to do, by the Society or Council.

II. The Secretaries, or either of them, shall have Inspection over the Clerk, and shall give Order and Direction to him, concerning the entering and writing of all Matters, in the Journal-Books of the Society or Council, the Register-Books, or any other Books of the Society, also concerning any Orders or other Writings, for the Use and Service of the Society.

III. The Secretaries, or either of them, shall attend at all Meetings of the Society and Council; where when the President hath taken the Chair, one of them shall read the Orders and Entries of the next preceding Meeting, and shall after take Notes of the Orders and material Passages of the present Meeting, to be enter'd by the Clerk in the respective Book to which they relate; and when there shall be present a competent Number for making Elections, they or either of them shall give notice of any Candidates, that shall stand propounded, in order to Election into the Society.

IV. The Secretaries, or either of them, shall draw up all Letters to be written to any Persons in the Name of the Society or Council (to be read and approved of in some Meeting of either respectively) except

cept for some particular Cause or Consideration, some other Person be appointed by the Society or Council to draw up any such Letter.

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### C H A P. XI. *Of Curators by Office.*

I. WHEREAS the Ends of the Institution of the Society may be most effectually promoted by employing able and fit Persons, who shall be Curators by Office, for the Service and Business of the Society ; having such a liberal Allowance as may be a sufficient Maintenance for them, without seeking for, or engaging in any other Employment ; therefore when the said Society shall be endow'd with a standing Revenue that can bear it, Provision shall be made for such Curators accordingly : And because it may happen that some Persons engaged in other Employments, may yet be of eminent Usefulness for the Business of Curators ; therefore if any such shall be employed by the Society, such Allowance shall be made, as may be proportionable to the Time bestow'd in that Service. Provided that the Allowance to any one Curator, shall not exceed so much, as shall from time to time be equivalent to

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**Two Hundred Pounds per Annum,** in this present Year 1663. Nor shall the Number of such Curators be so great, as to exhaust upon their said Allowance, above one half of the Revenue, from time to time belonging to the Society.

**II.** The Employment and Business of a Curator, shall be to take care of the managing all Experiments and Observations appointed by the Society or Council, and report the same; and to perform such Tasks relating to the Ends of the Constitution of the Society, as the Society or Council shall from time to time appoint; such as the examining of Sciences, Arts, and Inventions, bringing in Histories of natural and artificial Things.

**III.** Every Person, to be chosen a Curator by Office for the Society, to be of good Fame, and virtuous Conversation, knowing in Philosophical and Mathematical Learning; addicted to, and well vers'd in Observations, Enquiries and Experiments, concerning Natural and Artificial Things.

**IV.** Every Person standing for the Office of a Curator to the Society, shall be propounded at some Meeting thereof, one Month, at the least, before the intended Election; to the end, that every Member may inform himself concerning him, and acquaint the Society or Council with any Exception or Objection against him; and every

every such Person shall submit himself to the Tryal and Examination of the Council, or of such Persons as shall be appointed by them, to be transacted in the Presence of the Council, concerning his Qualifications, whether they be such as are required in a Curator.

V. Whensoever any Person is to be try'd and examin'd before the Council, in order to Election for the Office of a Curator to the Society, and whensoever any such Person is to be recommended from the Council to the Society, for the said Election ; every Member of the Council shall be summoned to the Meeting, with express notice of the Occasion thereof.

VI. Every Person propounded to the Society for the Office of a Curator, shall before his Examination by the Council, visit every Member thereof, in or near *London*, declaring to him his Desire and Intention for the laid Place, except such Visitation be dispense'd with by Order of the Society or Council.

VII. Every Person approved by the Council for a Curator to the Society, shall be recommended from the Council to the Society, in order to Election, a Week, or longer, before the Election-day : And if any Person proposed, and not approved or recommended, shall find himself aggrieved, or think that Right hath not been done him,

him, it shall be free for him to appeal, or make his Case known to the Society.

VIII. Every Person propounded to the Society, for Election into the Office of a Curator, shall at the first be elected for one Year of Probation only (except the Society shall, by Vote taken by Ballot, resolve otherwise in consideration of the known Merit of any particular Person) and at the End of that Year, the said Person shall either be elected for Perpetuity, or for a longer time of Probation, or shall be rejected.

IX. In order to Election of Persons for Curators, the Fellows of the Society shall be summon'd, in the same Manner and Form (*mutatis mutandis*) as is provided for the Anniversary Election of the Council and Officers.

X. The Election of every Person for a Curator shall be after this Manner: The Names of all the Competitors for a Curator's Place shall be first read, and then put to the Ballot in order as they stand recommended by the Council to the Society, adding such as upon Appeal shall be ordered by the Society: And when any one hath the Plurality of Suffrages, he shall stand elected without any farther proceeding upon any other of the Competitors; and the like Method shall be for every vacant Place: And in case of Non-Election,

it shall be resolved by the Society, whether there shall be a Proceeding again upon the same Person or Persons at that Meeting, or an Adjournment of the Election to another Day.

XI. For the electing of a Curator for a longer time of Probation, or for Perpetuity, the same Rules concerning the Summons for the Meetings, shall be observed as in Election for Probation, and the Question shall be determin'd by the major Part of the Votes taken by Ballot.

XII. Every Person elected Curator by Office, shall also be a Fellow of the Society, and shall subscribe the Obligation to be subscribed by every Fellow; and be admitted Fellow in the usual Form, if he were not so before; neither shall he continue a Curator any longer than he shall continue a Fellow of the Society.

XIII. Every Curator of the Society shall forfeit his Place as a Curator, together with his Relation as a Fellow, for any of the Causes for which a Fellow is to be ejected; and also for any fraudulent Dealing in Matters concerning the Society, or for Negligence in the Business of his Place; before which Ejection, for the first, second, and third Fault, he shall receive respective Admonishment by the President in Council, to be enter'd in the Council-Book, except the Fault shall be judg'd by the Society

ciety so enormous as to deserve a present Expulsion.

XIV. If any Curator shall be disabled by Age, Infirmity, or Casualty contracted in the Service of the Society; some Provision shall be made for him during Life (if the Necessity of his Condition shall so require) according as the Council shall think fit.

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## C H A P. XII.

### *Of the Clerk.*

I. THE Clerk of the Society shall constantly attend at the Meetings of the Society and Council, precisely at the Hour appointed, and not go away before the Meeting be dissolved, and he shall follow the Directions of the Secretaries in registering all Matters that shall be order'd to be enter'd in the respective Books of the Society.

II. The Clerk shall not suffer any Person, being no Member of the Society, to read any Book, Record, or other Writing belonging to the Society, nor give any Copies thereof, nor any way communicate any thing contain'd therein to any such Person; and in case he shall do contrary heretinto, he shall forfeit his Place.

III. The Clerk shall have Six-pence for every Page in Folio, of Thirty Lines fairly and closely written, with a Margin not exceeding one fourth Part of a Page ; and according to the same Rate for any larger or smaller Page ; and he shall have Ten Pounds by the Year for his Attendance at Meetings, to be paid Quarterly by equal Portions.

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## C H A P. XIII.

*Of the Printer to the Society.*

I. **T**H E Office of Printer shall be to take care of the printing and vending such Books, besides Catalogues, and such other Things as shall be committed to him by Order of the Society or Council; in the doing of which, he shall from time to time observe and submit unto the Directions and Orders of the Council, both as to the Correctness of the Edition, the Number of Copies to be printed, the Form or Volume, the Goodness of the Paper, Character, Figures and Diagrams, as likewise the Price at which such Books are to be sold; nor shall he reprint any of the said Books, or print them in any Translation or Epitome, without particular Leave from the Council. And if in any of

of these Particulars, he shall neglect or disobey the Directions of the Council, he shall either give such Satisfaction for his Fault, as the Council shall approve, or else be put out of his Place.

II. The Printer shall present, of every Book he prints by Order of the Society or Council, Two Copies, extraordinary well bound, to His MAJESTY; One Copy to *Edward Earl of Clarendon, Lord Chancellor;* One Copy to the President of the Royal Society; Two Copies to the Library of the said Society, each of them fairly bound; and One Copy more to each of the Secretaries of the said Society.

## C H A P. XIV.

### *Of Operators to the Society.*

I. **W**hensoever, and as long as an Operator to the Society hath any Work to do for the Society, he shall do no Work for any other Person, that may hinder his perfecting of that within the Time limited, or requisite to have it finish'd.

II. An Operator working for the Society, shall use all Care and Diligence, to dispatch all Work for the Society, in as short a Time as the same can be so well and sub-

substantially done, as the Nature of the Thing requireth.

III. If an Operator shall in any Bill or Reckoning, defraud or endeavour to defraud the Society, he shall forfeit his Place or Relation to them thereby.

IV. An Operator shall have Ten Pounds by the Year for his Attendance, at all the ordinary Meetings of the Society, as a constant Salary, to be paid Quarterly by equal Portions.

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### C H A P. XV.

#### *Of the common Seal and Deeds.*

I. **T**H E Common Seal of the Society shall be kept in an Iron Chest having three Locks, with three different Keys, whereof one shall be in the Custody of the President; the other of the Treasurer; and the third of one of the Secretaries.

II. Every Deed or Writing to which the Common Seal is to be affixed, shall be passed and sealed in Council, and signed by the President, on the fore part near the Label, and signed on the back Side by the rest of the Members of the Council present.

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C H A P. XVI.  
*Of the Books of the Society.*

I. **T**H E R E shall be had and kept one Book, called the Charter-Book, wherein shall be fairly written, the Copy of the Charter: All his Majesty's Grants on the Behalf of the Society: The Obligation and Subscriptions hereto of the Fellows of the Society: All the Statutes of the Society: The Names and Titles of the Benefactors to the Society, with their Donations; as also the Register of all the Fellows of the Society.

II. There shall be had, and kept a Book called the Statute-Book, wherein shall be fairly written the Charter of the Society, all the Laws, Statutes and Constitutions made, or to be made concerning the Government and Regulating the Society or Council; as also a Duplicate of the Register of the Fellows of the Society.

III. There shall be had and kept Journal-Books for the Society and Council, wherein shall be enter'd all the Orders, and remarkable Passages of the Society and Council, at their respective Meetings.

IV. There shall be had and kept Register-Books, wherein shall be fairly written, all such

such Observations, Histories and Discourses of Natural and Artificial Things, as shall be ordered to be entered; as also all such Philosophical Experiments, together with the particular Accounts of their Processes, as shall be order'd to be enter'd therein.

V. There shall be had and kept a Book of Letters, wherein shall be fairly written, all such Letters, and Extracts of Letters of the Society, or to the Society, or to any Member thereof, concerning Philosophical Matters, as shall be order'd to be enter'd.

VI. No Fellow shall give any Copy or Transcript of any Matter contain'd in the Register-Books, or other Books of the Society, to any one that is not a Member thereof; nor communicate the same to any such Person to be transcribed, without particular Leave obtain'd at a Meeting of the Society; except the said Matter were originally brought in or communicated by himself.

## C H A P. XVII.

*Of Benefactors.*

**E**VERY Benefactor to the Society, whose Gift amounts to the Value of Five Pounds or more, shall have his Name register'd in the Catalogue of Benefactors, with the mention of his Gift: And every Benefactor that shall present the Society with any Sum of Money or Gift, to the Value of Fifty Pounds *Sterling*, or more, or shall procure any Advantage that shall be estimated by the Society, to be of the like Value, upon Acceptance shall without Election have the Privilege of being present at the Meetings of the Society, and shall not be obliged to Payments: And if any of the Fellows of the Society, shall present to the same, the like Gift, or Sum of Money, he shall not be obliged to Payments for the future.

## C H A P. XVIII.

*Of the Death or Recess of any Fellow.*

U P O N the Death, or the voluntary withdrawing of any Fellows of the Society, one of the Secretaries shall note such their Death or Recess in the Margin of the Register, against their Names: and the Withdrawning of any Fellow shall be recorded in the Journal-Book.

## C H A P. XIX.

*The Form and Causes of Ejection.*

I. W Hensoever there shall be Cause for the Ejection of any Fellow out of the Society, the President shall at some Meeting thereof, cancel his Name in the Register, and at the same Time pronounce him ejected in these Words,

*I do by the Authority, and in the Name of the Royal Society of London, for improving Natural Knowledge, declare A. B. to be now ejected, and no longer a Fellow thereof.*

And

And the Ejection of every such Person shall be recorded in the Journal-Book.

II. If any Fellow of the Society shall contemptuously, or contumaciously disobey the Statutes or Orders of the Society, or shall by Speaking, Writing or Printing, publickly defame the Society ; or advisedly and maliciously do any thing to the Damage and Detriment thereof, he shall be ejected out of the Society.

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Additions  
to the Statutes.

Chap. VI.

Of the Election & Admission  
of Fellows.

11.

Every person to be elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, shall be propounded and recommended at a meeting of the Society by three or more Members, who shall then deliver to one of the Secretaries a paper signed by themselves, with their own names, specifying the Name, addition, Profession, Occupation and chief Qualifications, the Inventions, Discoveries, Works, Writings or other Productions of the Candidate for Election: as also notifying the usual place of his habitation.

A fair Copy of which Paper,  
with

with the date of the day when delivered, shall be fixt up in the common Meeting-Room of the Society at ten several ordinary Meetings, before the said Candidate shall be put to the Ballot. Saving and excepting, that it shall be free for every one of his Majesty's Subjects, who is a Peer or the Son of a Peer of Great Britain or Ireland, and for every one of his Majesty's Privy Council of either of the said Kingdoms; and for every foreign Prince or Ambassador, to be propounded by any single Person, and to be put to the Ballot for Election on the same day: there being present a competent number for making Elections.

## Chap:VII.

Of the Election of the  
Council & Officers.

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Whereas the number of the Members of the Royal Society is so large, as to render the Election of the Council and Officers so tedious, that many Members cannot attend during the whole time; therefore any Fellow being present shall be permitted, on the day appointed, during the time of of the Societys sitting for Election to give in his three Lists all together; or any two, or one of them; the several Lists being marked, one with a line drawn under each name of the eleven Members.

Members of the present Council to be continued for the year ensuing, another marked in the same manner with the names of the ten Fellows not of the present Council to be added to the former eleven; and a third marked with three several marks for the President, for the Treasurer, and for the two Secretaries. And the Secretaries and Scrutators shall put the said Lists into the several Boxes provided for that purpose: and shall note down the name of each Fellow giving in his Lists, and take notice whether he gives in one, two, or all three Lists at the same time. In all other respects to proceed in the same manner as prescribed by the former Statutes.

